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1. BASED ON SUGGESTION BY ADG FISCHER TO DR. SCHEINMANN REPORTED PARA 14 REFTEL, MISSION PROPOSES TO BRIEF DIR GEN EKLUND ON INFT FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO VIENNA SEPTEMBER 4. FOR THIS PURPOSE, MISSION REQUESTS INFORMATION ON CONTENT OF INFA REPORT TO CONGRESS REQUIRED BY SECTION 104B OF THE NNPA OF 1978 AND LATEST DRAFT OF INFA PAPER IN PREPARATION FOR OCTOBER 30 MEETING OF WG-3. WHILE OUR BRIEFING OF DIR GEN COULD BE BASED ON JULY 19, 1978 DRAFT ENTITLED "INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL TRUST AGREEMENT," IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR BRIEFING TO BE BASED ON LATEST WASHINGTON THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. MISOFF MET AUGUST 29 WITH SECRETARIAT LEGAL STAFF MEMBER MR. PHUONG HA-VINH, RAPPORTEUR FOR WG-3, TO DISCUSS FUEL TRUST. HA-VINH, WHO HAD OBVIOUSLY ALTERED HIS THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT SINCE HIS

PREPARATION OF AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE US FUEL BANK PAPER, STATED THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL (STRESS PERSONAL) VIEWS:

- A. FUEL TRUST SHOULD BE AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFILIATED WITH BUT NOT INTEGRATED INTO THE IAEA. INTEGRATION INTO THE IAEA WOULD SUBJECT THE TRUST ULTIMATELY TO BOARD JURISDICTION; SINCE THE BOARD IS GOVERNED BY THE STATUTE. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ARTICLE IIIC OF THE STATUTE WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE TRUST TO PROVIDE SERVICES SELECTIVELY IF SELECTION IS BASED ON NON-PROLIFERATION CONDITIONS BEYOND THOSE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO AGENCY MEMBERSHIP. (FYI: PARA 3B OF PHILIPPINE COMMENTS TO U.S. WG-3 FUEL BANK PAPER RAISED THIS SAME POINT.)
- B. BY AFFILIATION WITH THE AGENCY, HA-VINH MEANT THAT THE SECRETARIAT COULD PROVIDE EXPERT ADVICE ON ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES, CONSIDERING SUCH MATTERS AS WHETHER THE APPLICANT WAS IN VIOLATION OF NON-PROLIFERATION CONDITIONS, WHETHER PHYSICAL SECURITY AND SAFEGUARDS REQUIREMENTS WERE BEING MET, AND WHETHER THE APPLICANTS' NUCLEAR PROGRAM WARRANTED MAKING THE REQUESTED TRUST SERVICE AVAILABLE. THE AGENCY'S EXPERT ADVICE WOULD BE WEIGHED BY THE TRUST COUNCIL, BUT THE COUNCIL WOULD MAKE THE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION; IT COULD ACCEPT OR REJECT THE IAEA SECRETARIAT'S ADVICE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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- C. HE BELIEVED THE TRUST SHOULD HAVE ITS OWN OPERATING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARIAT. USE OF AGENCY SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL FOR TRUST OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION COULD RAISE QUESTIONS OF DIVIDED LOYALTY BETWEEN AGENCY BOARD AND TRUST COUNCIL.
- D. TRUST MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE OPEN TO ALL STATES, WHETHER OR NOT MEMBERS OF IAEA.
- E. TRUST SHOULD BE BASED ON TREATY AMONG MEMBERS.
- F. TRUST SHOULD UTILIZE PLEDGES RATHER THAN PHYSICAL REPOSITORY. PLEDGES COULD BE MADE RELIABLE BECAUSE BASED ON TREATY. PHYSICAL REPOSITORY RAISES DIFFICULT QUESTIONS OF LOCATION, SAFEGUARDING, COSTS OF DORMANT INVENTORY.
- G. SPENT FUEL RESULTING FROM FUEL TRANSFERRED BY THE TRUST SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AGREED TO BY TRUST MEMBERS. HE RECOGNIZED DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING AGREEMENT OF TRUST

MEMBERSHIP TO SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS, BUT THOUGHT THIS COULD BE DONE IN PREPARATORY COMMITTEE PRIOR TO FORMAL ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUST, AND THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUST TERMS AND CONDITIONS WOULD BE BETTER THAN USING TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE SHIPMENT UPON WHICH THE MEMBER BASED ITS REQUEST TO DRAW ON THE STOCKPILE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE RE MISSION'S PARA 1 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION. KIRK

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